GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4237
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PAYMENT OF STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether both Food Corporation of India and Railways do not adopt scientific method for storing and transporting food stocks;

(b) whether the State Warehousing Corporation of Andhra Pradesh has to suffer a huge loss as a result thereof;

(c) whether Food Corporation of India has stopped the payment of Rs.3.5 crore to State Warehousing Corporation due to transit loss;

(d) if so, whether State Warehousing Corporation has stopped to release the stocks unless the amount is paid to them; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to instruct the Food Corporation of India to pay the amount urgently to Warehousing Corporation of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): The Food Corporation of India and the Railways adopt scientific methods for storage and transportation of food stocks.

(b): The FCI has not received any report of Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation (APSWC) to have suffered losses as a result of unscientific storage and transportation of foodgrains.

(c): An amount of Rs.1.40 crores has been withheld by the FCI on accountof shortages found in the foodgrain stocks transported by the APSWC.

(d): The APSWC had stopped the release of stocks to the FCI in August, 2000, but had restored it in November, 2000.

(e): The claims and counter-claims of the FCI and the APSWC arising out of storage of foodgrainsare a continuous exercise. All dues payable to the APSWC are being released periodically in time. Periodical meetings at the Regional and Zonal levels are held in order to sort out the disputes.